



Kaelyn and DJ's Magical
Adventures - Escape From
Alcatraz

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"She's here!" shouted Kaelyn. She and her brother, DJ, raced to the door of their mom Macie's apartment. Their aunt, Chaune, was visiting all the way from Colorado!



Chauneey stood in the doorway, dropping her bags with a grin. "I want to see everything!" she announced. "Let's go to that famous spooky island, Alcatraz!"



Their mom, Macie, smiled.
"That's a great idea! I'll pack
you all some snacks for the
ferry ride." Suki, the little
black dog, and Smokey, the
fluffy white and brown cat,
twirled around their feet,
excited for an adventure.



The ferry ride to Alcatraz was windy and exciting. They stood in the middle of the deck, watching the city get smaller. Suddenly, a sneaky seagull swooped down and tried to snatch the baseball hat right off DJ's head! "Hey!" DJ shouted, grabbing his hat just in time. Kaelyn giggled as the sea spray misted her face and the seagull squawked indignantly as it flew away.





They walked up the steep hill to the main prison building. Inside, it was chilly and the rows of empty cells were spooky. "Imagine being locked in one of these," Chaunev whispered. DJ peeked into a dark cell and made a silly ghost sound, "Wooooo!" which echoed down the long hall and made Kaelyn jump.



Suddenly, a loud clang echoed through the cell block, startling everyone. Suki lunged at Smokey, who was perched on a nearby railing. With a yowl and a bark, both animals tumbled over the edge of the walkway and into the churning water below! "Suki! Smokey!" everyone screamed.

Without a second thought,
Chauneey kicked off her shoes
and dove into the cold bay
after them. The current was
strong, pulling them away
from the shore. "I'm coming
too!" yelled DJ, pulling a can
of soda from his pocket
before bravely jumping into
the chilly water after them.



Kaelyn felt a surge of panic watching her aunt and brother in the scary water. "What would Peepaw do?" she whispered to herself. She remembered him telling her, "When things look dark, little star, that's when you need to shine your brightest." The words felt more important than ever.



Kaelyn had a plan. She shook her head, and the beads in her hair started to glow, flying her out over the water. Down below, DJ treaded water, chugged his soda in one giant gulp, and let out a powerful, bubbly burp. FWOOSH! A rainbow-colored cloud erupted from the water, forming a sturdy, shimmering raft under Chauney and the pets.



The gas raft gently floated them back to the shore. Kaelyn landed softly beside it and helped pull a shivering Chaune and the soggy pets onto the dock.



DJ climbed out of the water, grinning. Chaune pulled both children into a tight, relieved hug. "You saved us!" she cried. "I was so scared!"



Back at Macie's apartment, they all had hot chocolate to calm their nerves. "You two were so brave," Macie said, wrapping them in a big hug. Chaunez smiled. "You're the best superheroes an aunt could ask for."